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Bandai America Announces .hack!
"The Matrix Concept Arrives on the PlayStation® 2 Computer Entertainment System"!
<u>Debuting at E3 2002! Play it at booth #2400, West Hall</u>

Bandai has joined forces with the most renowned game producer and anime talent in the world to create this masterpiece series. Pronounced "dot hack," .hack boasts character designs by Yoshiyuki Sadamoto, famous character designer of Evangelion, and an engaging and immersive storyline scripted by Kazunori Ito, acclaimed writer of "Ghost in the Shell" and "Patlabor."   .hack is a first: a perfect fusion of entrancing Action/RPG gameplay, and beautifully produced anime, offered together in one game package!

The Game

A fourteen year old boy named Kite is invited by his schoolmate, Orca, to play the online game *The World*. While playing the game, both Kite and his friend are attacked, by an unknown monster. As a result of the attack Orca, becomes comatose in the real world. Despite his friend's condition Kite continues to play The World believing he'll find the way to revive his friend. While playing The World, Kite accepts The Twilight from Aura, a mysterious girl in white. Kite is transformed into an Outlaw player within the game wielding the very same powers responsible for Orca's condition.

Original Video Animation

While paying the online game, The World, two junior high school game club friends, Mai Minase and Tomonari Kasumi, both lose consciousness. Mai recovers but Tomonari remains in a coma. Although CC Corporation, the maker of The World, insists there is no relationship with the strange events and the game. A mysterious man named Junichro Tokuoka approaches Mai and suggests they both set out to investigate the CC Corporation and the reasons behind the phenomenon taking place throughout the world…

Features:
- Includes a **separate disc** containing 40 minutes of Original Animation available only inside the .hack game package! Watch it for clues on how to solve the game's mystery!
- A Virtual MMORPG (Massively Multiplayer Online RPG)
- Real time data evolution: Environments transform in real time
- Full Voice Over RPG for a totally immersive experience.
    Dual voice over: Choose between English or Japanese!
- The world first game within a game within a game : A new and exciting concept – fully engrossing!

Set for release this October for the PlayStation® 2 computer entertainment system, .hack carries a suggested retail price of $49.99, and has not yet been rated by the ESRB. For more information, visit Bandai's website at www.bandaigames.com.

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